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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR PERFORMING MODULAR )  
MULTIPLICATION )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examining the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please make the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph 3 beginning on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Conventional modular multipliers often include a linear systolic array or "chain" of processing elements (PEs) implemented in hardware such as an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) or a programmable logic device such as a field programmable gate array (FPGA). In conventional modular multipliers, a given processing element performs a portion of a modular multiplication operation by processing data and then passing it to its neighboring or adjacent PEs in a given clock cycle. In the next clock cycle, the original processing element remains idle while the neighboring processing elements process the received data and pass the processed data back, after which the original processing element may spend another cycle computing. Thus, in most conventional modular multipliers, each processing element does useful work every other clock cycle and is idle the remainder of the time. In one traditional modular multiplier, these idle

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102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
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109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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